



TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

AGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVE

BULLETIN 02-13

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SEPARATE CLAIM SCHEDULES FOR CALNET SERVICES PROVIDED PRIOR TO JULY 21, 2002; PROOF OF CLAIM DOCUMENT

ACTION:

- Distribute copies of this bulletin to all Agency Telecommunications Representatives (ATRs), to Accounts Payable staff who review and pay telephone invoices, and to others in your department who may be affected by this information.
- Effective immediately, use the information below for guidance when processing CALNET invoices, and when in receipt of a Proof of Claim document issued by the United States Bankruptcy Court.

BENEFIT:

- State agencies will not need to tell the State Controller's Office (SCO) how much of each CALNET invoice is for SBC Pacific Bell (SBC-PB) versus how much is for WorldCOM (WCOM). This will save time and effort with CALNET invoice processing.
- This bulletin provides contact information if a state agency should receive a Proof of Claim document regarding the WCOM bankruptcy.

KEY POINTS:

- Continue to separate SBC-PB/WCOM billings into two groups: 1) those for services received prior to July 21, 2002; and 2) those for services received on or after July 21, 2002. Bills with only SBC-PB charges do not need to be separated in this manner, but please specify on the claim schedule that it is for SBC-PB charges only.
- Claims for payment for each of the groups must be submitted to the State Controller's Office on separate claim schedules. Each claim schedule must identify under which of the two groups the claim falls. It is not necessary to separate the charges by carrier.
- The SCO is working with SBC-PB and WCOM to breakdown the amounts owed to each carrier. Please do not contact SBC-PB or WCOM service representatives for information on the breakdown of charges by carrier in order to pay CALNET invoices.
- Claim schedules submitted to the SCO that are identified as only for services rendered **after** July 21, 2002 will be paid as normal to both SBC SBC-PB and/or WCOM.

- Agencies must make every effort to process and submit bills to SCO in a timely manner. **This process is in effect until further notice.**
- If you receive a **Proof of Claim** document from the United States Bankruptcy Court regarding the WCOM bankruptcy, please contact the Resource Communications Center at the number listed below, and ask for a Customer Account Manager.

BACKGROUND:

WCOM filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on July 21, 2002. At this time, only the WCOM bills for services prior to the filing date (pre-petition) are in question. The State Attorney General's (AG) office is coordinating and handling all issues involved with the State and WCOM. Because in some instances WCOM owes money to the State, the SCO has set up a special fund to collect the amount owed by deferring State payments to WCOM. Therefore, the AG is providing direction with the SCO on how to process CALNET bill payments for services provided prior to the filing date. This bulletin is an attempt to clarify the verbal or e-mailed information that has been previously provided to agencies by the SCO and the AG for CALNET bills.

To view previously issued ATR bulletins, refer to the DGS-TD website at <http://www.td.dgs.ca.gov> (click on Network Publications on the right side of the page, then scroll down to the ATR bulletins.)

If you have questions regarding the processing of CALNET bills related to this bulletin, please call the SCO Claims Audits Section at 916-323-1770. For other telecommunications related questions or as directed above, please contact the Resource Communications Center at (916) 657-9903 or at 1-800-807-6755, and request to speak to a Customer Account Manager.



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